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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary to the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation
Universal Service Assessment- Automotive Telematics
CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237,
99-200, 95-116 and 98-170

Dear Ms. Dortch:

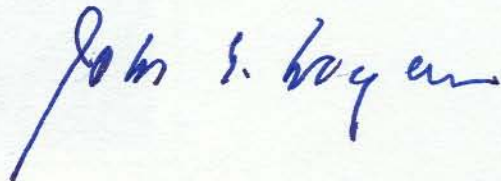
Today, Gary Wallace, Vice President for Corporate Relations, ATX Group, Inc. (ATX), Ari Q. Fitzgerald, representing Mercedes Benz USA LLC (MBUSA), Christopher A. McLean and I, representing ATX, met with Mr. Thomas Buckley and Ms. Amy Bender of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

In the meeting, we presented the position of ATX and MBUSA that the proposal to assess each phone number a monthly fee of \$1.00 would violate the equitable and non discriminatory standard of the law with regard to automotive telematics. The proposed fee would represent a 3000% increase over the current assessment, an amount that approaches and may exceed the total telecommunications cost of the service. We emphasized the confined and limited use of the network by automotive telematics which any assessment model must recognize. We also stated that the proposed assessment would disrupt an important public safety feature—the ability to locate expeditiously and dispatch aid to individuals facing an emergency, ubiquitously and without limitation. The proposal would halt the rollout of telematics based safety and security to mass market vehicles. A regulatory decision imposing a \$1.00 monthly assessment on each telematics vehicle will dictate a market decision that should be left to the consumer.

A copy of the *ex parte* communications by MBUSA, dated April 12, 2006, and ATX, dated April 19, 2006, which are filed in this docket and set forth our position in more detail, was provided to Mr. Buckley and Ms. Bender.

Respectfully,

Copy to:
Mr. Buckley, Ms. Bender

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Logan", is written over the "Respectfully," text.